

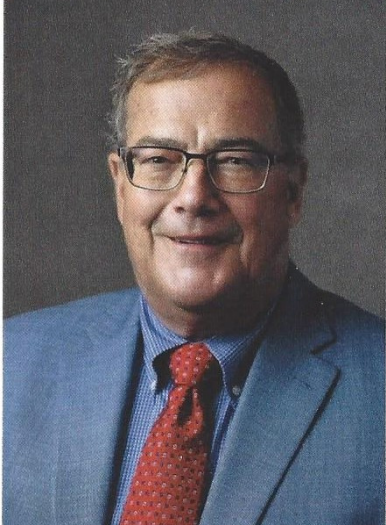


Windy Hills

September 2023

A City of Historic Homes

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The days are getting shorter, and the nights cooler. Leaves are beginning to change colors. Rabbits have fattened themselves in your summer garden and squirrels are burying acorns in your yard. Hummingbirds and butterflies are making their way south. Nature is getting ready for winter. Are you?

You may have heard that hospitalizations due to COVID infections are on the rise again. In addition, cases of Influenza (Flu) and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) have already been reported in our area. While these respiratory infections are not fatal in most cases, they do account for tens of thousands of deaths in the United States each year. And, even if the infection is not fatal, these infections can severely damage your lungs. Many who get infected are left with asthma, recurrent bronchitis, and difficulty breathing.

These breathing problems can also affect your heart, especially if you already have a heart condition. The young, the old, people with cancer or diabetes, and individuals with other heart, lung, liver, and kidney diseases are most at risk – but everyone is vulnerable.

I would not be a responsible Mayor and certainly not a good doctor if I failed to encourage you to get your Flu and COVID vaccinations now, in preparation for winter. This past week the FDA approved the COVID vaccine that will help protect against the more recent variants. If you have not had COVID in the past four months, nor a COVID booster in the past 4 months, the CDC is recommending that you get this new booster. Also, this year's Flu vaccine protects against the types of influenza viruses that have already infected other parts of the world and are moving our way. Between now and the end of October is the best time to get the Covid and Flu vaccines to get the best protection over the winter. You can get these vaccinations at the same time – I would recommend one shot in each arm.

In addition, this year there is a new vaccine out for adults 60 or older. It is a vaccine against the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). Syncytial means a mass of damaged cells clumped together. This is what happens to the delicate airway tissue, deep in your lungs when infected by this virus. This virus causes bronchiolitis in infants and young children. But we know that it can also cause serious problems in, shall we say, our more mature residents. If you are 60 years or older, please consult with your doctor to see if this vaccine is right for you.

So, as you prepare for winter. Be wise – be vaccinated! As always, thank you for allowing me to be your Mayor. And, thank you for being informed and involved residents!

John L. Roberts, MD
Mayor, Windy Hills

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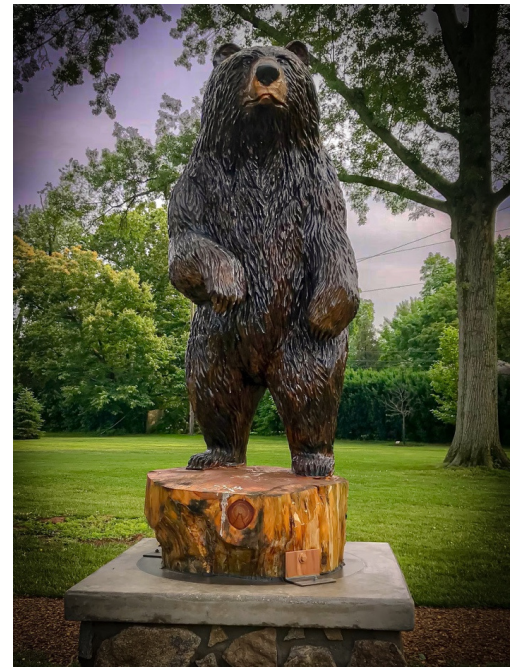


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Meet Your Neighbors



Holly Collins

Holly Collins has been a resident of Windy Hills for approximately twenty years. She grew up in Eastern Kentucky and started her teaching career in Perry County. During World War II, she moved to Louisville to contribute to the war effort by working as a chemical engineer at DuPont, where she met her future husband, John. After the war, she returned to teaching and taught at Mill Creek Elementary in JCPS until her retirement in 1977. Holly enjoys baking cakes and making jams and jellies and is an active member at St. Matthews Baptist Church. Additionally, she is a published author, with a cookbook and a book of poetry. She appreciates the friendliness of her Windsong neighborhood and the way that neighbors look out for one another. What is truly remarkable about Holly is that she was born on February 20, 1920, making her 103 years old! The photo to the left was taken on September 9, 2023.

A Tribute to Former Mayor Lou Phillips

Former Windy Hills Mayor Lou Phillips passed away on August 28, 2023. Lou was Mayor of Windy Hills for 12 years and a Council member before and after he served as Mayor. So many firsts started during his terms of office: sidewalks encircling Windy Hills; benches and trash receptacles along the sidewalk for walkers; the land for the Green was purchased; holiday lights were strung on the spruce on the Green; and Glow on the Green was celebrated.

His most notable legacy was the creation of a sense of “community”. He led the efforts to brand our City as “Windy Hills, City of Historic Homes”, erected signature entrances, and created a Tree Board, our City became an official Tree City with an annual Arbor Day celebration and residents can now celebrate the Fourth of July together at our picnic and parade.



Lou Phillips, Mike Skelton, Jim Ising

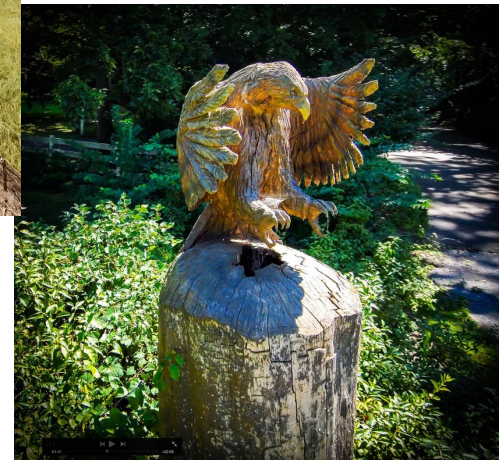
Lou took his job seriously. He was at the office daily. Lou was a “hands-on” mayor and was present at anything involving the city—from social events to highway meetings. Those who knew Lou personally realized that he had a fabulous sense of humor and usually had a joke to tell. He was the number one advocate for Windy Hills. Fifteen years ago, when residents said they lived in Windy Hills, it involved giving geographic parameters. Now, because of the advancements made during Lou’s tenure in office, most people know our city. Generations to come will appreciate his accomplishments. He will be missed.

Arbor Day Celebration

Don't forget to save the date for Arbor Day on Sunday, October 1st, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This event will showcase two skilled arborists competing in a tree-climbing race along with fun activities for children. The best part - free ice cream will be served to all attendees! The event is scheduled to take place at the Green, but if path construction at the Green is already in progress, the venue will be moved to Sojourn East, 2501 Rudy Lane. If there is a venue change, we will send a notification via email. Come and join us for a fun-filled Arbor Day celebration - you won't want to miss out on the fun!



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*** OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION ***

WHEREAS in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, *and*

WHEREAS this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, *and*

WHEREAS Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, *and*

WHEREAS trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, *and*

WHEREAS trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, *and*

WHEREAS trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, *and*

WHEREAS trees — wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John L. Roberts, MD, Mayor of the City of Windy Hills, Kentucky, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 1, 2023 as **ARBOR DAY** In the City of Windy Hills, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, *and*

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED THIS 15th day of September, 2023

Mayor John L. Roberts, MD



The average American generates nearly one ton of trash a year, creating serious problems if it all goes into the landfill.

Identifying recyclables and committing to household recycling practices goes a long way in reducing waste. When recyclable items are thrown away with other solid waste, they take up valuable space at landfills. However, when recyclable items are placed in recycling bins they are sent to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) where they are separated and transported to end markets to be turned into something new. Recycling certain materials offers benefits to

the environment by conserving natural resources, reducing pollution, and saving energy. Rumpke's single-stream recycling program allows residential recyclables to be mixed together and sorted later at our state-of-the-art recycling facilities.

Single-stream programs focus on all recyclable materials generated by residents—glass recycling, plastic recycling, and more—not just individual pre-sorted materials. This comprehensive approach helps divert the greatest volume of recyclable materials from landfills.

Residents can typically recycle the following items:

- Plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs

- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum cans
- Paperboard (like cereal boxes)
- Steel cans and lids
- Cardboard
- Office paper
- Envelopes and junk mail
- Newspapers, magazines, and inserts
- Telephone books and catalogs
- Cartons

On collection day, your recycling will go through our system and be reliably sorted by material type. You'll be doing your part to help protect the environment while we make residential waste disposal easier for you.

For assistance from Rumpke, call 1-800-828-8171, extension 8757.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Trash/recycling must be placed curbside the night before your scheduled collection. Drivers will not return to residences if materials are unprepared at the scheduled collection time. Please contact Rumpke at least 48 hours before your regularly scheduled collection to request a large item pickup for acceptable large items, and/or excessive amounts of trash.

The City of Windy Hills Facebook Page

The city recently launched an official City of Windy Hills Facebook page. The intent of this site is to post notices, upcoming events, and essential news. It is also YOUR page to get to know others in our community. This site provides an opportunity for support, sharing, and helpful information for our residents. Only residents of the city can be members.

To join The City of Windy Hills Facebook page, search for us on Facebook or scan the QR code.

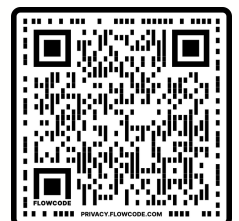




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2023 Property Taxes - What You Need to Know

- The Ordinance allowing taxation (Ord No 2 2022-2023 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024) can be found in the June Newsletter or on the Windy Hills Website under the Code Enforcement tab in the Budget Ordinances and Property Tax Ordinances section. Please read the Ordinance carefully for additional information.
- Important!!! If payment is received or postmarked by October 31, 2023, a 43% discount will be provided. Penalties and interest take effect if payment is not made by December 31st. The interest is compounded monthly, not annually, and a lien will be placed on your property until the tax, interest, and penalties are paid.
- Learn from the Mayor's personal experience!!! If you have a mortgage and an escrow account, your mortgage company should pay your property tax bill. However, the mortgage company may view December 31st as the due date. Please encourage the mortgage company to pay by October 31. It will save you a lot of money. While it is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure the bill has been paid, please communicate with your mortgage company to avoid sending in a duplicate payment.
- Fifty-six percent of our City's general revenue comes from property taxes, and 70% goes to sanitation and public safety services. The Budget (Ord No 3 2022-2023 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024) can be found in the June Newsletter or on the Windy Hills Website under the Code Enforcement tab in the Budget Ordinances and Property Tax Ordinances section.
- Property Tax bills will be mailed later this month. If you have questions, please contact the City Clerk, Christine Haner, at info@cityofwindyhills.com or 502.895.4778.

Brightside Citywide Cleanup



*Donor-funded and volunteer driven...
for a more beautiful Louisville.*

The City of Windy Hills is teaming up with Brightside to organize a community-wide cleanup event. Cleanups are an essential part of Brightside's mission, and they rely on volunteer groups to achieve their goal of making Louisville greener and cleaner. We encourage all Windy Hills residents to take part in this cleanup initiative.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 14th at Sojourn East (2501 Rudy Lane). Please plan to arrive between 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. The City will provide coffee, tea, and donuts to all participants, while Brightside will provide gloves and trash bags.

At 9:00 a.m. sharp, we will head out to clean up the designated areas. Small groups will be assigned to specific areas to walk and pick up trash. Once the bags are full, they can be left by the road, and the City will come by to retrieve them.

Please register by scanning the QR code or call/email Julie Theiler at 502.836.1722, julie.theiler@cityofwindyhills.com.



We hope to see you there!

City Council Meeting Schedule

City Council meetings are held monthly at 7:00 pm. at Sojourn Church East, 2501 Rudy Lane.

These meetings are open to the public.
Any interested person is invited to attend.

October 9, 2023

November 13, 2023

December 11, 2023

January 8, 2024

February 12, 2024

March 11, 2024

April 8, 2024

May 13, 2024

June 10, 2024

July 8, 2024

August 12, 2024

September 9, 2024

Observers are also welcome at Council Work Sessions the Friday before the City Council meeting, 10:00 am at City Hall.



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Stay informed by registering for the free Windy Hills Reach Alert messaging. It only takes one minute to register, and messages are dispatched as needed.

To register, call Reach Alert at 877.307.9313

Save The Date

**October 1 - Arbor Day Celebration,
The Windy Hills Green**

**October 9 - Lil' Cheesers Food Truck,
2501 Rudy Lane, Sojourn East**

**October 14 - Brightside
Community-Wide Cleanup**

**November 30 - Glow on the Green,
The Windy Hills Green**

It's Your Newsletter

It's your newsletter!

What changes would you like to see?

Please send suggestions to Julie Theiler at julie.theiler@cityofwindyhill.com.

Let us know what you like or dislike, and help us improve!

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www.rumpke.com

Police Department
(non-emergency)
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Louisville Gas & Electric
502.589.1444

Louisville Water Company
502.583.6610

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